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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND
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Applicant:	Kishore Tipirneni	Docket No.:	40500.0117
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Title:	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FIXATION OF BONE FRACTURES	Confirmation No:	TBA

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Commissioner:

Prior to examining the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the replacement paragraph which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are reflected in the attached replacement Drawing page 3 which includes amendments to Figure 3.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.